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PYROLYTIC LAYER OF ALUMINIUM OXYNITRIDE AND GLAZING

COMPRISING SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents **Box PCT**Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

With reference to the accompanying English translation and prior to any action on the merits, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following including a section heading:

-- CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is the U.S. national stage of International Application No. PCT/EP00/05615 filed 19 June 2000, and Luxembourg Application No. 90420 filed 20 July 1999. The entirety of each of those applications is incorporated herein by reference.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION --